

The Bill Hogarth MBE Memorial  
Apprenticeship Trust  
presents  
the sixteenth

## Woodland Pioneers Introduction to Coppicing Week



4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Staveley in Cartmel  
Newby Bridge, Cumbria  
Courtesy of Sir John Fisher Foundation

£220-270

(pay what you can afford)

5 days of inspiring traditional  
woodland craft training taught by  
experienced professional craft tutors  
held in a beautiful Cumbrian woodland

### Woodland Pioneers

Bill Hogarth MBE (1928-1999) was a coppice merchant who spent most of his life working the woods in South Cumbria. The memorial trust (BHMAT) was set up in 2000 to continue his work by promoting coppicing through an apprenticeship training scheme. Now extended to a National Coppice Apprenticeship Scheme, in partnership with Small Woods, to date, 34 people have benefitted from the training.

We run an industry-led apprenticeship training scheme that is recognised as the first of its kind in the UK. The 3 year training programme leads to the Bill Hogarth Coppice Diploma.

We are very proud to be the 1st prize winners of the Education and Learning Award category of the 2016 Royal Forestry Society Excellence in Forestry Awards.

The Woodland Pioneers course is open to anyone interested in learning about coppicing as well as those interested in the apprenticeship. **For those wishing to apply for a BHMAT placement, it is essential that you attend the full course and gain a certificate (cost £25).**

For those new to Woodland Pioneers, from Monday to Thursday there will be four one-day introductory woodcraft workshops. You will be assigned a group and stay with them as you undertake a new skill each day. The evenings are normally busy with talks, presentations, quizzes and a barbeque night. Music usually features at some point so bring your instruments!

### Four 1-day workshops for newcomers:

#### Treen with Twiggy:

BHMAT graduate, trustee and experienced coppicer Twiggy will teach you the skills required to create a range of small wooden products including clothes pegs, spatulas and 'gypsy roses'.



#### Riven oak panels with Owen Jones:



Owen Jones is the country's only full-time oak swill basket maker and was awarded an MBE for services to basketry in 2014. In this workshop you will work as a team to produce a beautiful riven oak fence panel.

#### Coppicing with Sam Ansell & James Benson:

Sam (BHMAT graduate) and James (local experienced coppicer) will teach you basic coppicing skills including felling, dressing out, sorting and bundling produce, and protecting cut stools from animal browsing.



#### Greenwood stools with Jack Holden & Rachael Jepson:



Soon-to-be BHMAT graduates Jack and Rachael will be giving instruction in using traditional tools to enable you to create a unique, solid and beautiful greenwood stool.

## Two 2-day workshops for returners:

If you have attended WP before, Mon-Thurs you can choose to do these 2 2-day workshops:

### Kuksa with Tim Davis:



Tim (soon-to-be BHMAT graduate) will teach you the correct tools and techniques needed to carve a Kuksa - a traditional wooden cup made & used by

the Sami people in Lapland, northern Scandinavia.

### Frame baskets with Lorna Singleton:

Lorna (BHMAT graduate and skilled basket maker) will show you how to prepare strips of wood to make a beautiful and functional frame basket.



**Friday Workshops:** We run a number of short woodcraft workshops on the Friday. If you wish to come along just for this day, please call for details and to register.



## Course details

**Course venue:** Chapel House Woods are owned by the Sir John Fisher Foundation who sponsored the training allowance for our first two apprentices. There is a hall opposite the wood where we serve breakfasts, lunches and evening meals, and gather for evening events. The hall has toilets, a shower and central heating!

**Camping:** Pitches on site in the woods are included in the course fee (or there are local B&B's - not included in the fee - if you prefer to arrange this).

**Food:** The cost of a soup and bread lunch and an evening meal is included in your fee. Breakfast will be available each morning at a reasonable rate (£1.50-£2) and there will be a bar in the evenings (cash only).

**Tools:** Tools and essential protective clothing are provided. Please bring work clothes and stout footwear suitable for a week in the woods in all weathers.

**BHMAT** and our tutors take every precaution to ensure your safety. General site safety is outlined on arrival and tutors provide specific health and safety information relevant to their workshop. We need to know of any special medical condition or medication that might compromise your safety or that of others. We provide First Aid cover, with qualified First Aiders on site. Disability access is very limited on site, so please talk with us about any specific needs before you book on the course.

We prefer you not to bring dogs. Exceptions may be made if they are very well behaved or guide dogs. Please note that the minimum age for participants and people on site is 18 years of age - we can take no responsibility for people under 18.

**Fees:** The fee for the week includes tuition, materials, lunch, evening meal and tea/coffee during workshops. Breakfasts are extra.

## Booking Information

To book on Woodland Pioneers, please EITHER:  
- book online and pay via PayPal by going to our website: [www.coppiceapprentice.org.uk](http://www.coppiceapprentice.org.uk)

OR:

- complete the attached booking form and send it with a cheque or postal order for £220-£270 (please pay as much as you can afford) made payable to 'Bill Hogarth MBE Memorial Apprenticeship Trust' to:  
BHMAT, Crag View, Dixon's Field, Carnforth, LA5 9JN. Tel: 01524 720292/07884332391  
Should you need it, our e-mail address is [info@coppiceapprentice.org.uk](mailto:info@coppiceapprentice.org.uk)

**Cancellations:** If you need to cancel after you have paid the course fee, please note the following cancellation charges:  
£10 up to 7<sup>th</sup> August.  
£40 from 8<sup>th</sup> August to 20<sup>th</sup> August.  
No refund available after 21<sup>st</sup> August.  
If we cancel, for whatever reason, we will return all course fees sent to us.

**How to find us:** Directions to find the venue will be sent with other information about two weeks before the course starts.

**Concessions:** If you are unable to afford the course fee we might, in certain circumstances, be able to help so give us a call.

**Disappointed that you can't make this course?** Please still contact us and let us know of your interest in our apprenticeship scheme and/or Trust.

Our Woodland Pioneers week is a break-even event. Any additional donation to help BHMAT with costs and its apprenticeship programme would be very much appreciated.

## BHMAT WP 17 booking form

4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September

I would like to book on:

The 4 1-day workshops + Fri

The 2 2-day workshops + Fri

**Please indicate your choice - if you have not Attended WP before, you will be expected to do the 4 1-day workshops.**

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel. No:

E-mail address (please note that details will be e-mailed):

Please indicate method of payment:

cheque  postal order  PayPal

Please indicate the amount you are paying (please pay what you can afford):

Are you interested in the apprenticeship: Yes/No

Would you like a certificate of attainment?  
(If so, please add £25 to your fee): Yes/No

Any medical information we should be aware of?

Any dietary requirements?

Do you want to camp on site? Yes/No

Signed:

Date: